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FLETCHER APPOINTS CHIEF WARD TO THE KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

RICHMOND, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher has appointed Alexandria Police Chief Michael Ward to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, an independent, 20-member body that governs training for all of the state's law enforcement.

Ward will represent police chiefs on the council. He replaces former Georgetown Police Chief Alonzo Bernard Palmer, who stepped down as chief to accept a position in Governor Fletcher's administration.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Chief Ward's commitment to law enforcement serving on the council," said KLEC Executive Director Larry Ball. "He has made a real difference in his community, and now all of Kentucky will reap the benefits of his experience."

Chief Ward has been involved in military and civilian law enforcement for 24 years. He came to the Alexandria Police Department after serving 16 years with the Crescent Springs Police Department, where he rose through the ranks from patrol officer to chief. In May 2001, Ward accepted the position of chief with the Alexandria Police Department. In his short time there, he has guided the department through many positive changes. Under his direction, the agency implemented the Character Counts Program, a school resource officer program and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). In 2003, he was a recipient of the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Kentucky Law Enforcement.

The KLEC is charged with certifying law enforcement training schools, training instructors and curriculum in Kentucky, as well as administering the Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certification and monitoring the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF).

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